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SHAMSHEN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

A meeting of this Council takes place to-morrow afternoon. The Report for the year 1919, to be submitted includes the following information:—

POLICE.
The Police Force, under Mr. Wm. F. Palmer (Honorary Superintendent) now consists of:—Inspector W. Road, Inspector Ng Yau, Assistant Inspector Yip Cheung, 1 Crown sergeant, 9 sergeants, 5 second-class constables, 27 third-class constables, and 1 pensioner.

1920 CENSUS.
The population of the Concession is:—
Non-Chinese 447
Chinese 940
1,387

HEALTH.
The health of the community during the year under review, although not quite as good as last year, can still be said to have been good. In common with the rest of the world, we were visited by the "Influenza," but were fortunate in having it in mild form; in one case, however, there was the septicaemic form, proving rapidly fatal. The summer was on especially hot one and there were two cases of heat stroke.

WATERWORKS.
The total consumption for the year ending December 31st, 1919, was 32,483,100 gallons, an increase of 4,229,300 over the consumption for the previous year. The average consumption per month for all purposes was 2,707,091, an increase of 322,441 gallons over the consumption for 1918.

During the past year, additional houses on the French Concession have been supplied with Council's water. The water has been tested periodically by the Medical Officer of Health and found to be well up to the standard of purity required.

Owing to the increased consumption of water during the past two years, the wear and tear on the pumping plant has been considerable and during the summer months of the past year the pumps were running on an average nine hours a day and 19,200 hours a day when swimming bath was being filled. To obviate this heavy and continuous work on the plant and to deal with the probable largely increased consumption in the near future, the Council's Engineers recommend the consideration of installing additional pumping and filtering plant, the approximate cost of which will be about \$24,000.

The view of Ratepayers will be asked as to the extension of existing plant, and need of other machinery. The question of expenditure to cover the cost of additional pumping and filtering plant will be found in the form of a resolution to be placed before the Ratepayers at this Meeting.

DEFENCE CORPS.
In accordance with the proposal in the last report, all equipment has been returned to the Police Station, and as it has not been considered necessary by the Council to re-form the Corps, no drills have been held.

FIRE BRIGADE.
The Brigade now consists of:—Mr. A. Huxley (Superintendent), Mr. G. A. Lawrence (Chief Engineer), Mr. R. J. Hall (Chief Officer), and Messrs. C. M. Alport, J. D. H. Crawford, J. B. Harrison, A. Linbird, F. N. Bell and C. Fumagalli, to whom the thanks of the Council are due for their services. The Fire Engine has been overhauled by Mr. Huxley and is in very fair condition. Life Lines and Hatchets have been ordered from England as they could not be procured locally.

ROADS.
About 27,500 feet of cement concrete paths have been laid down during the current year, with cement curbing.

DRAINS.
Nine hundred and forty-nine feet of cement concrete drains have been constructed.

SEWAGE WALL.
A section of the Bund Wall on the western end of the Concession collapsed, and has been now rebuilt with a heavy concrete backing for a length of 156 feet. All work on the roads, drains and Bund wall has been done by day labour, under the supervision of the Council, and the cost reduced to the lowest minimum.

BUILDINGS.
The lease of the Bungalow to the Japanese Club terminates at the end of April, and the Council have been approached with a view to the leasing of the property for the purposes of a Naval Club, but before doing so the views of Landowners will be asked as to the terms on which this property will be leased.

BOAT HOUSE.
During the year \$830 were expended on maintaining this property which now stands in a good condition.

POLICE QUARTERS.
In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Landowners' meeting, new quarters have been erected at about the estimated cost, and they are nearly finished and will shortly be occupied by the Force.

CEMETERY.
There have been nine burials in the Cemetery; 4 deaths having occurred in Shamshen. The Cemetery is in good order and kept in a clean condition.

ACCOUNTS.
Estimated cash expenditure \$46,200.00
Less depreciation 6,600.00
\$39,600.00

Net cash expenditure \$39,600.00
Estimated Income \$46,200.00
Actual Income \$46,735.30

The overdraft with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has been reduced from \$40,360.98 to \$39,703.23.

SEWAGE.
Mr. R. T. Matheson having applied for 6 months leave, and in view of his many years' residence in Canton, the outgoing Council have provisionally granted the application, subject to the confirmation of the Ratepayers.

ESTIMATES.

The Council submit the following estimates for 1920:

Expenditure.	
Police pay and clothing	\$11,000.00
Lighting	2,000.00
Fire brigade	1,000.00
Secretary	3,000.00
Road maintenance and construction	6,000.00
Road and drain cleaning and scavenging	2,000.00
Drain construction and repairs	500.00
Garden and recreation ground buildings, bridge and bund	1,000.00
Printing and auditing	1,000.00
Cemetery	500.00
Insurance	500.00
Boat house	500.00
Defence Corps	300.00
Health Department	1,000.00
Interest on overdraft	2,000.00
Waterworks running expenses	8,000.00
Council's engineers retaining fee	300.00
Sundries	500.00
Depreciation of waterworks	6,500.00
	\$43,800.00

Revenue.	
House tax	\$25,000.00
Land tax	2,000.00
Wharfage dues and business tax	6,500.00
Licences and way leave	1,000.00
Rents	2,000.00
Garden indemnity	480.00
Fines	100.00
Interest (Bath Club)	360.00
Night soil	240.00
Brigade	100.00
Water	10,000.00
Rent of meters	1,500.00
	\$49,250.00

TAX PROPOSALS.

The following resolutions will be submitted to the meeting:—

1.—The House tax shall be 64 per cent. for the year, payable before March 31st.

2.—The Land tax shall be \$25 per lot, excepting where its area exceeds 12,645 feet, when it shall pay \$2 extra for every 1,000 square feet over and above this area. Payable before March 31st.

3.—The business tax shall be \$50.

4.—Firms exporting Raw Silk from the Concession shall pay ten cents for each bale of Raw Silk over and above 500 exported.

5.—Licences: Hotel, \$300; Theatre, \$25; Dog, \$10; Bicycling, \$5; Hawker, \$2; Building, \$25.

WATER RATES.

6.—The charge for water supplied by the Council shall be at the rate of 60 cents per 1,000 gallons provided that:—

a. no charge shall be made where the quarterly consumption of any building does not exceed in value 1 per cent. of the assessed value of such building for the quarter.

b. where the consumption of water is in excess as aforesaid, only such excess shall be charged for.

7.—The following rent shall be paid into the Council quarterly and in advance, for the use of meters; the quarters shall be considered to commence on the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July, and the first day of October:—

1/2 Meter	\$3.00 per quarter.
1/4 "	5.00 "
1/3 "	4.00 "
1/2 "	3.00 "

Rent for any portion of a quarter shall be calculated on the basis of a monthly rate, equal to one-third of the quarterly rate, any portion of a month being counted as a full month.

8.—The value of the amount of water consumed during the quarter will be ascertained in accordance with the above resolution No. 8 and Waterworks Byelaws Nos. 17 and 18.

9.—The Council will deliver an account quarterly on March 31st, June 31st, September 30th, and December 31st, of water consumed in excess during the preceding quarter by the occupier of any building, and such account shall be paid within 14 days after presentation thereof.

ADDITIONAL PUMPING PLANT.
10.—That the incoming Council be authorised to proceed with the installation of additional pumping and filtering plant in accordance with the recommendations made by the Council's engineers and are also authorised to spend approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the purpose of installation.

NEW BYELAWS.
The following By-laws will also be submitted for adoption:—

No. 17A.—No factory or machinery of any kind (except silk winding plant and lifts) shall be erected on the British Concession without the written consent of the Council. The Council shall have full power to withhold its consent to any such erection, which, in its opinion, is not in accord with methods which accrue to the public benefit and health, or which do not assure the general safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Concession.

In case of dissatisfaction with the decision of the Council, the point in dispute shall be submitted through His Britannic Majesty's Consul General to His Majesty's Office of Works, whose decision shall be final.

No. 22A.—No person shall be allowed to land on or store in the Concession any Hides, Hoofs, Horns or other articles, produce or merchandise which may be considered by the Council on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health to be noxious or a danger to the public.

No person shall carry on any offensive trade (as recognised by the Local Government Board of Great Britain) or other trade which may be considered offensive by the Council within the limits of the Concession. Under a penalty of a fine not exceeding \$25 per day, in respect of each day either the above goods are landed or stored, or the offensive or dangerous trade carried on.

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FOREIGN LOANS TO PEKING.

STUDENTS TAKING THE FIELD.

The following letter has been addressed by the undersigned student organizations in Shanghai "to the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps and the Ministers of Friendly Countries in China":

February 24th, 1920.

Your Excellency:—

In the recent years, Japan has made big loans to the Peking Government and usurped China's integrity and rights, so that Japan's "Monroe Doctrine of the Far East" may actually be brought into action. This is just like the case of a robber who arms another robber with a weapon and makes use of him to take the lives of good people and rob them of their properties and who finally takes all the robbed properties through the effort of the robber fooled by him. All the friendly countries knew the truth and did once declare to lend no money either to the Northern or to the Southern officialdom until the internal political conditions in China were settled. Now the Peking Government is doing everything to please Japan and to crush the people with increasing intensity. And the friendly countries are gradually breaking their word and lending money to the Peking Government. The news of \$3,000,000 and \$40,000,000 loans surprises us all. Such actions will not only directly obstruct the reform movement of China but also indirectly destroy the peace of the world.

If these loans are made, the Chinese people will hate your countries as deeply as they do-day hate Japan. These loans bring upon China misfortune, but can your countries be benefited thereby? We hope the friendly countries, while maintaining international righteousness and understanding our sincerity, will immediately stop negotiating for any loans not yet made or stop delivering money if the loans have already been contracted for and will also cancel the contracts. Otherwise, we will oppose the repayment of all loans not approved by our legal Parliament according to the Provisional Constitution of our country.

We are,
Yours respectfully,
The National Organization Union of China.

(signed) Mao Yi-fong,
Shanghai Associated Bodies,
(signed) K. A. Sun,
National Students' Union,
(signed) Dr. Kan,
Shanghai Students' Union,
(signed) Penn Hain.

BOLSHEVİK HOUSING SCHEME AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

ONE ROOM FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL.

Letters which have just arrived in Shanghai from Vladivostok, says the N.Y. Daily News, announce that the housing scheme of the Bolsheviks has been put into operation there. This scheme was recently explained in an interview with Mr. Litvinov, the Bolshevik delegate who conferred with Mr. O'Grady on the question of an exchange of prisoners, and it was to the following effect: House room is allotted on the scale of one room to each individual and outsiders are then able to take possession of the remaining rooms in the same measure. As far as is practicable, the tenants already in possession are given the choice of those who will occupy the vacant rooms. The fact that this system has already been adopted in Vladivostok apparently indicates a more rapid advance towards Bolshevism than was anticipated.

ORGAN RECITAL.

As will be seen from our advertisements Mr. Denman Fuller is giving his first recital since his return in St. John's Cathedral on Monday next at 6 p.m.

The programme will include several pieces which will probably be quite new to Hongkong audiences, in fact some of them have only recently been published. Amongst them will be a charming Irish Fantasia by the well-known blind recitalist Wolstenholme; a tone picture of the very light but attractive variety by an American writer Ralph Kinder; and a sketch entitled "Reve d'Amour" by Felix Gebet the composer of the popular song "Butterflies." These are all pieces which are calculated to show off some of the best advantages of the organ.

The heavier side of music will be represented by Bach's marvellous Fantasia and Fugue in G minor and in response to several requests Mr. Denman Fuller will play Lemmens' "The Storm," probably the most dramatic and sensational piece of the kind written for the organ. The programme is possibly one of the most attractive and varied that has yet been presented.

CHINA REPUDIATES TROTSKY.

The Chinese Legation at Berne has issued a denial of the report that many Chinese are engaged with the Russian "Red" army. Only 1,000 Chinese, according to the Peking official report, are in Russia, and they will be repatriated shortly. Trotsky's statement, that the Bolsheviks can count on Chinese support, it is stated, is untrue. The Bolshevik régime finds no sympathy either in North or South China, which are pro-Ally.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY THERAPION.

The following are the majority of the trades recognized as "Offensive" by the Local Government Board, the question of other trades, which may arise, being covered by "Other Offences":—

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—Daily Paper.

How swift the march of Progress speeds Along the modern days. When many a fresh invention leads To smoothing out the ways Where men send their merchandise To dwellers under foreign skies.

Oh, Shipping Magnates, who intend To run-out "planes" some day, Wherein our British firms may send Their goods to far Cathay, We kneel to you in awe, when we Appreciate your policy.

But on us your might cause to shine Kind Fortune's fairer gleam. If you revived the clipper line And did away with steam.

For, were they sent out under sail, We might sometimes receive a mail!

E. W. H.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS. [TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—It is possible that the reluctance of many men to Volunteer in this Colony may be accounted for by that short paragraph in your issue of this morning headed

"BRITISH WAR MEDAL."

"Service in Hongkong does not count." Why not? Who is the tactical authority who decides that it does not?

It would have been such a gracious act and, I should have thought, such a wise act to grant these men (most of them middle-aged, much-worried men of business) some special memento of those sweltering days and nights from 1914 to 1918, when at least they did their utmost to serve their country so far as in them lay.

It is quite evident that such service "does not count," and is, therefore, I presume, valueless. Why enrol, therefore, in a useless body? Yours faithfully,

RESERVIST.

Hongkong, March 2nd, 1920.

WISH TO CUT THE COCK'S HEAD.

ALLEGED THEFT OF GOLF-BALLS.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, a Chinese was charged with stealing six golf-balls, the property of the Kowloon Cricket Club.

One of the boys employed by the K.C.C. stated that on Sunday morning, he noticed defendant and some other men behaving suspiciously near the golf-links. He watched their movements and saw defendant pick up six golf-balls which he hid underneath his coat. When defendant and his friends were leaving the ground, witness and a fuki tried to prevent them. They were then pelted with stones and, finding it impossible to arrest defendant, they informed the Police.

Defendant accused the witness of stealing golf-balls on different occasions and, asking him to sell them. He refused, and this false charge was the result. He would cut a cock's head to prove the veracity of his statement.

Witness emphatically denied that he ever stole golf-balls.

Mr. Irving remanded the case for further enquiry.

WIFE-BEATER FINED.

COMPENSATION PAID FOR BROKEN LEG.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, a Chinese was charged, on remand, with assaulting his wife.

The evidence for the prosecution was that the man, who kept a conchicine, assaulted his wife so badly that she tripped and broke her leg. The woman was in hospital for over a month.

Mr. Smith ordered the man to pay \$25 compensation and sent the case to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for further settlement.

WATCHMAN FOUND SLEEPING AT HIS POST.

An Indian watchman was charged at the Magistracy, yesterday, with being found asleep while on duty.

It was stated that at 4.30 a.m. on February 21st, two days after the burglary, Sergeant Andrews, who was put on special duty to supervise watchmen at night, passed Mohideen's shop and found the watchman asleep. He spoke to the man, and as he did not answer he shook him. The man then woke up. Defendant, who said that he was not asleep, was fined \$5.

BRITISH OFFICERS IN SHANGHAI.

OFF TO HONGKONG.

ACTION BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

The N.C. Daily News of February 25th says:—

British residents in Shanghai will learn with satisfaction that the representations we made last week about the unfortunate position of officers passing through here have had a salutary effect. In two respects at least the situation has been remedied, but it is necessary to point out that from the financial aspect the officers will still be sufferers by reason of the high exchange of the dollar.

The action which has now been taken is, we understand, at the instance of the Hongkong military authorities. We learned yesterday that they had issued instructions that their representatives in Shanghai should advance the money necessary to meet the hotel bills of the officers here. It will be remembered that these came to \$7 a day, and to meet this the officers received an allowance of \$4.50 for the first eight days and \$2.50 thereafter.

Furthermore, passages have been secured for the officers as far as Hongkong, and to-day they are leaving aboard the *Yokohama Maru*. This is a step in the right direction, for at Hongkong there ought to be military accommodation for them, and there is a Command Paymaster who is able to make advances of pay to them necessary for their incidental expenses. We take it that this will be done with other officers whose duties have brought them to China, as it is manifestly unfair to leave them in a place like Shanghai where it is impossible for them to obtain any of their pay.

A FINANCIAL LOSS. The worst part of the situation, now is that the military authorities have not done more than make an advance of money to meet the hotel bills. In other words they are lending money which will have to be repaid by the officers later on.

It was perhaps no great hardship in Europe, where at the most the difference between the army allowance and the actual charge was only a franc or two, that this should come out of the officer's pocket, however wrong the principle may have been. Here, however, it amounts to some cases to more than the actual daily pay of an officer—a lieutenant, for instance. If he happens to be married it represents a process of bankrupting him. We can quite understand that the authorities in Hongkong may not have the power to do more than they have done—it is almost certain that they have not. In view of the abnormal position here, this matter, which has been the subject of representations at Home in connexion with other branches of the services more than once, requires to be forcibly, publicly and continuously impressed upon Whitehall, otherwise it will never be put to rights.

SPORT.

HOCKEY.

HONGKONG H.C. v. R.E.

The following will represent the Club against the R.E. at Happy Valley at 5.15 p.m. to-day: E. P. Jones, G. O. McKinnon, D. R. Reid, E. J. R. Mitchell, Rev. Mr. Martin, G. Hodgson, F. Schnepel, A. E. Mackenzie, W. H. Edmunds, A. E. Farrell, and B. D. Evans (capt.).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S MATCH OFF.

The rugby football-match fixed for this evening between the Hongkong F.C. and the Navy has been abandoned, the Navy having scratched the game.

It is likely that the Club will play an Army fifteen next week.

YACHTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The race for the "Departure" Cup, open to all cruiser yachts registered in either Yacht Club of the colony, will be sailed off on Saturday 6th inst. The Course will be Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rocks (S), Lyman Beacon (S). The start will be from the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, English Rig at 2.30 p.m. and Chinese Rig at 2.45 p.m., the finish being at Murray Pier. Entries should be sent in to H. S. Rouse, Hongkong Club by noon of Friday, 5th inst.

A WEIHWAI WEDDING.

A wedding was celebrated at Weihaiwei on February 7th. Mr. Amherst Macartney, Controller of the Eastern Extension A. and C. Telegraph Co., of Chiofoo, second son of the late Sir Halliday Macartney, K.O.M.G., M.D., and brother of Sir George Macartney, K.C.I.E., recently British Consul-General at Kashgar, being married to Mary Annie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of Penzance, Cornwall. The wedding took place at the "Eastern" and the marriage rites were performed by Mr. A. P. Blunt, Senior District Magistrate. The register was signed by Mrs. Stewart, Major C. F. Knaggs, and Dr. Muat. The bride, who wore a lawn costume and wine coloured hat, was given away by Major Knaggs. The ceremony was followed by a quiet reception, held at the residence of Major and Mrs. Knaggs, and among the guests present were Lady Stewart Lockhart, Captain and Mrs. House, Dr. and Mrs. Muat, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Bruce-Shepherd.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

The approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending February 28th is as follows:—

	Receipts	Aggregate
This Year	\$16,830	for 9 weeks
Last Year	15,982	127,815
	242	130,487
		2,572

THE SALE OF A SHANGHAI COTTON MILL.

INTERESTING SUPREME COURT CASE.

An interesting case arising out of the recently published China (Companies) Amendment Order in Council, was commenced in H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, last week, before his Honour Judge Sir Havilland de Saumarez, in which Mr. F. N. Matthews and others, shareholders in the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd., filed motion against the company for an injunction restraining it from selling the undertaking to any other Company not subject to the jurisdiction of this Court and receiving in compensation for such sale shares or other like interests in such other Company otherwise than in compliance with the provisions of Section 185 of the Ordinance, until judgment in this action or until further Order.

It is proposed to sell the undertaking to a Japanese Company and the Court is being asked to declare such sale to be ultra vires. In an outline of the proposed scheme it is mentioned that out of a capital of 180,000 shares of the proposed Japanese Company, 180,000 shares will be allotted to the defendant company which will remain in existence to hold these shares and to distribute the profits received.

Under this scheme, therefore, Mr. Matthews says, the defendant company would part with the whole of its undertaking and in exchange would simply own a scrip in the proposed Japanese company. Mr. Matthews, who is the registered holder of 50 shares in the Company, said in his affidavit, that he had also received instructions in writing from the registered holders of over 3,000 shares and from persons who have bought forward for March in respect of a very large number of other shares in the said capital authorizing him to represent their interests.

The following is a list of the registered shareholders above referred to:—

	Shares
S. R. Minny	300
Ellis Haydn	225
E. E. Barrett	225
G. H. Potts	50
Woo Fung-shu	184
A. J. Israel	300
O. J. Barnes (Hongkong & Shanghai Bank)	745
Netherlands Trading Society	1,000
Commercial Bank of China	300
Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger	100
Ellis J. Esra	100

Dependent adds that the whole of the said registered shareholders and the persons who have bought forward as above mentioned are absolutely opposed to such a sale as is suggested, and object most stringently to the entire assets of a British Company, of which they are shareholders, passing out of the jurisdiction of the British Court otherwise than for cash.

Messrs. G. H. Wright and E. L. Harrop appeared in support of the motion, and Mr. R. N. Macleod, with whom was Mr. A. E. Seddon, appeared for the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

During the reading of the affidavit, His Lordship (interrupting) said: You have spoken of somebody as managers of the Company?

Mr. Harrop: A Japanese Company, my Lord, the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

His Lordship: Are they the managers?

Mr. Harrop: They call themselves the agents.

His Lordship: It seems to me that it would be my duty at once to bring to the notice of the Registrar of Companies that these people do not appear in the list of directors.

The terms of the Order in Council are not obeyed; there should be majority of British directors. The Companies Ordinance and the Order in Council have not been, so far as I can see, complied with. Have they been returned as directors?

Mr. Macleod: I don't know, my Lord.

His Lordship: Well, I want to know. Do the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, who appear as agents, appear as directors on the list which has been returned to the Registrar of Companies?

Mr. Macleod: I understand that the facts are that the list of directors does not include the name of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. They signed the notice as agents.

His Lordship: But the agents are described as general managers.

Mr. Macleod: That is so.

Mr. Harrop: I understand that the whole business is in the hands of this Japanese firm.

His Lordship: Then I shall give directions that the want of compliance with the requirements of the Companies Order in Council which applies the Companies Ordinance, be brought to the attention of the Registrar of Companies.

His Lordship pointed out that the matter was of considerable importance, because there was not a majority of British directors, which was necessary.

Mr. Macleod stated that he was not aware of the fact beforehand and he could not say he was really prepared to deal with the point then.

His Lordship pointed out that the board was improperly constituted; there were three Japanese and three British directors, whereas the latter should be in the majority.

After some discussion it was agreed that the matter should be adjourned for a week, Mr. Macleod giving an undertaking in the terms of the motion.

POLICE SEEK DEPORTATION OF NEWSPAPER-MEN.

APPLICATION FOR RELEASE ON BAIL GRANTED.

It is understood that the local Police are trying to deport three Chinese, the Editor, manager and collector of a Chinese newspaper published in Hongkong, on the ground that they consider them undesirable. Mr. E. Davidson, appearing before Mr. E. A. Irving, at the Magistracy, yesterday, and asked that the men, who have been arrested, be released on bail.

This was agreed to, the sum mentioned for each being \$500.

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ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.
FOUNDER'S DAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH.
OLD BOYS are reminded of the ANNUAL DINNER on SATURDAY, at St. Stephen's College at 6.30 P.M.
Those intending to be present should notify Mr. FUNG MAN SUI.

G. R. TENDER.
TENDERS are invited for the supply of timber, lumber, materials and spars to H.M. Naval Yard for one year from April 1st.

Tenders must reach H.M. Dockyard not later than March 10th, 1920.
H. G. LOWE, Naval Store Officer.
Hongkong, March 2nd, 1920.

G. R. GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.
TENDERS for SPECIE current in SHANGHAI up to and for the sum of \$500,000 current in Shanghai will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT, until 11.30 A.M. on March 4th, 1920.

The amount accepted is to be placed by the tenderer to the credit of an account with the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Shanghai, so as to be available on March 5th, 1920.
Tenders tendering to state alternatively:
(a) The amount of Hongkong currency payable in Hongkong on March 5th, 1920, required for each \$1,000 Shanghai currency and/or
(b) The amount of Dollars current in Shanghai per \$100 for Telegraphic Transfer on the London Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, London.

The tenders to be in duplicate, and in sealed covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT, and enclosed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC."
The right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders is reserved.
Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.
Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Act 23 George III, Cap. 45 and 41, George III, Cap. 52, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills).
The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company.
Any further information can be obtained by personal application to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT, His Majesty's Treasury Office, Hongkong, March 3rd, 1920.

THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1911-1915.
THE KWONG ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 188 of the Companies Ordinance 1911, that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above-named company will be held at No. 240, Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong on TUESDAY, the 8th day of APRIL, 1920, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having an Account laid before the Company showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of and of having any explanation that may be given by the liquidator and for the purpose of passing an Extraordinary Resolution disposing of the Books and Accounts and documents of the Company and the Liquidator.
Dated the First day of March, 1920.
YU YU SHEUNG, Liquidator.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD.
TEA DANCING FROM 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M.
DINNER DANCE FROM 8 P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH.
TEA DANCING FROM 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M.
DINNER DANCE FROM 8 P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH.
Orchestral Concerts during Tiffin and afternoon tea.

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We have This Day Opened a BRANCH OFFICE at 12, CHATER ROAD, HONGKONG.
Messrs. R. J. HALL and P. A. DIXON are authorised to sign for the Company in Hongkong per Provision.
T. E. GRIFFITH, LTD., Shanghai, Canton, March 1st, 1920.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH, 1920, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to October 31st, 1919.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of March, 1920, to MONDAY, the 8th day of March, 1920, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, February 26th, 1920.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the year ending 31st December, 1919, at the rate of Two Pounds Five Shillings Sterling together with a Bonus of Three Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling per share is payable on and after MONDAY, the 1st day of MARCH, 1920, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 26th, 1920.

NOTICE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Services of Messrs. Wong Fook Lok, Sir CHUN KAM and CHAN HON PUI with this Company have terminated on the 30th day of the 12th Moon of the KI MI YEAR (the 15th February, 1920) and those whom it may concern are requested to take note hereof.
Dated this 26th day of February, 1920.
THE HING WAH PASTE MFG. CO., Ltd.
47 and 49, Connaught Road, Central, Hongkong.

TENDERS are invited for the supply of Labour and Lighters for Admiralty Coaling for a period of 18 months certain from APRIL 1st, 1920.
Forms for tendering can be obtained on application to the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, and tenders should be lodged in the Commodore's Office not later than Noon on MARCH 10th, 1920.
A deposit of one hundred dollars will be required from persons tendering, and will be returned in the event of non-acceptance of the tender.
H. G. LOWE, Naval Store Officer.
H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong.

SALE BY TENDER OF H.M.S. "KENT."

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of the above-named Ship with Engines and Boilers and various auxiliary machinery on board.
The Ship is sold for breaking-up purposes only and the Purchasers agree to offer facilities for an Admiralty Officer to inspect the progress of the work of breaking up from time to time. Purchasers will be required to enter into a bond to guarantee the performance of these conditions.
Full particulars of the Ship and conditions of sale may be obtained on application to the undersigned, or to the British Naval Agent at Shanghai or to the British Naval General Staff Officer at Singapore. Permits to view the Ship and forms of tender on application only to the undersigned.
A deposit is required before forms of tender can be issued.
The vessel will be on view from MARCH 1st to APRIL 14th, 1920, inclusive, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. and tenders must reach the Commodore's Office not later than 12 Noon on THURSDAY, APRIL 15th, 1920.
Length between Perpendiculars 440 ft. 2 1/2 in. Breadth, extreme 60 ft. 4 in. Depth in hold (Flat Keel to Upper Deck) 39 ft. 11 in. Nominal Displacement 3,900 Tons. Propelling Machinery: Inverted Triple expansion (Twin of 22,000 I.H.P.) Cylinders: High, Two of 37" Intermittent, Two of 37". Low, Four of 37". Boilers: Belleville Water Tube 31 No.

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.
PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 8th day of MARCH, 1920, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.
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FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held in the BOTANICAL GARDENS
THURSDAY.
MARCH 4TH, from 2 P.M. till 6 P.M.
Admission: \$1 (Children half-price).
Mrs. STARR will present the prizes at 5 P.M.

FRIDAY.
MARCH 5TH, from 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.
Admission 30 cents.
The Band of H.M.S. "HAWKINS" will play on both afternoons.
Tea obtainable on the Ground.
H. E. L. DOWRIGGIN, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 27th, 1920.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.
FOURTH TOURNAMENT.
AT THE
THEATRE ROYAL
on FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH, at 8.15 P.M.
1. FIFTEEN-ROUND CONTEST FOR THE WELTER-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY, and the "Mounted Police Reserve Belt."
Between Sergt. "Sky" Kerrison, R.N.Y.P. (Holder),
And Iron. Bux, of Manila, P.I. (Challenger).
2. TEN-ROUND CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST.
Between Jack Kibbler, Chinese Maritime Customs, Canton,
And Seaman Doonhart, H.M.S. "Hawkins".
3. SIX-ROUND CONTEST FOR THE AMATEUR LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.
Between Young Maber, ex-Driver, R.A. (Holder),
And E. R. A. Hainen, H.M.S. "Hawkins" (Challenger).
Also three other Six-Round Contests.

BOOKING: CASH ONLY at Messrs. Moutrie, TUESDAY next for Members only. WEDNESDAY to FRIDAY for the General Public.
G. G. N. TINSON, Hon. Secretary.
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NEW FRENCH LOAN 5 PER CENT.
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Drawings to take place on the 16th of March and the 16th of September of each year.
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Subscriptions will be received up to the 10th of March next by the
BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, L. BEINLCAGUE, Manager.
Hongkong, February 16th, 1920.

NEW FRENCH LOAN 5 PER CENT. 1920.
UNDER THE GUARANTEE OF THE
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THE Local Branch of the BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE will receive subscriptions for the New French Loan 5 per cent. 1920, from the 19th February to the 10th of March next.
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Hongkong, February 16th, 1920.

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R. RODGERS, Manager.

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The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, MARCH 2ND, 1920.

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The Shanghai Race Club has fixed the Spring Races meeting for May 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.
Twenty-six deaths from influenza occurred in the Colony last week. One patient was a Portuguese and the remainder were Chinese.
A Retreat for girls will be conducted by a Redemptorist Father at the Italian Convent commencing to-day (Wednesday) at 3.30 p.m.
With a view to regulating the high price of food in Japan, the Government is organising a Food Bureau. A heavy subsidy will be needed.

made out for negotiations with America or Japan. Nothing has happened to alter the opinions which all civilised nations must hold concerning the Soviet Government of Russia. Bolshevism in itself may be the laudable doctrine it is represented to be by its authors; but in practice it is a murderous tyranny of the very worst description. An " Eye-witness," who evidently knows Russia well and writes with full knowledge, has been describing in the Times recently what is actually happening under Soviet rule in the villages of Russia. He began by mentioning that the Bolshevist Army—officially termed " The Workmen's and Peasants' Red Army"—has swept across European Russia, killing the " Oppressors of the People," punishing the " exploiters of the Working Classes," and doing other such things tending to " raise the condition of the labouring man," to " secure a more equal distribution of well being," to " trample out tyranny," to " give liberty to the oppressed," and to inaugurate a regime of " Liberty, Fraternity, and Equality " throughout the world. These ambitions animate all civilised countries of the world, but there is no royal road to their accomplishment, and the methods followed by the Bolshevist " Communists " of Russia are the least likely to attain them. Their democratic institutions are a hollow sham. For example, in a description of a village election we are told that if the Bolshevists disapproved of any candidate they simply disallowed his candidature. If any returned man failed to meet with their approbation they cancelled his return and ordered a new " election." In this way there was secured a return of the most disreputable and unprincipled men of the neighbourhood. The Bolshevist rule is a rule of terrorism worse than Russia has ever known before—and that is saying a great deal. All the nations of the world would be glad to see an end of hostilities in Russia, and would wish to assist in whatever way is possible a resumption of peaceful industry and trade. In the offer made by the Soviet Government to the Allies last November one of the first conditions was that the Allied and Associated Governments should propose that hostilities shall cease on all the fronts in the territory of the former Russian Empire, including Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Finland, for a period of two weeks, during which a conference would discuss peace on the basis of certain proposals made by the Soviet Government. One condition was that all existing de facto Governments, which have been set up on the territory of the former Russian Empire, were to remain in full control of territories which they occupy at the moment when the Armistice becomes effective, except in so far as the Conference may agree upon the transfer of territories; until the peoples inhabiting the territories controlled by these de facto Governments shall themselves determine to change their Governments. If this has been accepted by these Governments as the basis of the peace negotiations which these Governments are reported to be now entering upon, it is pre-eminently their own concern; but when the Allied Governments are required, among other things, to grant to the citizens of the Soviet Republic of Russia the right of free entry into their respective countries, the Soviet Government is asking even Japan and America more than they are prepared at present to concede. When the Soviet Government made its offer to the Allies last autumn it expressed the hope that it would not be necessary to transfer it (with the necessary modifications) to the Central Powers. If it has not been transferred we may be sure that it is not from any feelings of greater affection for the Allies; but from a recognition of the fact that, even if the Central Powers were more eager to favourably consider it, the Soviet Government would have nothing to gain from the transfer.

The entries for the first Gymkhana Club meeting, to be held on March 20th, close on the 10th instant. There are seven events, including a Bending Race.
The final report on the carnival fire at Manila estimates the damage at P.1,679,369, much the greater part of which relates to Government booths and exhibits.
Four thousand merchants of Tientsin have personally addressed petitions to Peking calling upon the Government not to enter into direct negotiation with Japan, and to liberate the imprisoned students.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mrs. Dodwell, Mrs. Butlin, Mrs. C. H. P. Hay, Mr. T. F. Claxton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Armstrong, and Mr. E. W. Gibbins were amongst those who left the Colony yesterday on the Pyrrhus.
Captain House, the Naval Executive Officer at Weihaiwei, is under orders to proceed home. Capt. House, R.N., has been stationed in Weihaiwei for the last ten years. His successor, Capt. Stevenson, R.N., is expected to arrive at the end of March.
Three cases (two deaths) of cerebro-spinal fever, two cases of enteric fever and two cases of diphtheria were reported in the Colony during the week which ended on Saturday. Two cases of cerebro-spinal fever were reported on Sunday and Monday.

An inquiry was commenced at the Magistracy, yesterday, into the circumstances surrounding the fire which broke out in Aberdeen three weeks ago and destroyed nearly half the village. After formal evidence was taken, the enquiry was adjourned till Friday.
Mr. M. B. A. J. Strom, formerly connected with the Chinese Maritime Customs for over 49 years, returned to the East by the Nile. Mr. Strom, proceeded to Meiji to meet his son, who is in charge of the interests of the Vacuum Oil Company for the southern part of Japan.
The farewell dinner to be given to the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., by the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has been fixed for Saturday next at the Kam Ling Hotel. More than a hundred of the leading Chinese merchants in the Colony have signified their intention of being present.

Mr. H. G. Simms, manager of the North China Insurance Co., Ltd., at Shanghai, left for home on board the str. Korea Maru, travelling via America. Through his departure he relinquishes the chairmanship of the Shanghai Club and several other posts in the community demanding hard work and the infinite tact of which he is the possessor. He hopes to spend the greater part of his holiday in Ireland, and expects to be back six months hence.
News has been received in Japan, of the death of the Rev. James H. Ballagh, one of the first missionaries to come to Japan. Dr. Ballagh went to America last year on a visit to his home, but expected to return this year. He first visited Japan in 1861 in the time of Townsend Harris, and continued to live there almost uninterruptedly up to last year. Dr. Ballagh's wife predeceased him in 1910, but he leaves two sons and two married daughters—Mrs. R. T. McAlpine, and Mrs. Carrie Harrell.

For some years a railway crossing leading to the beach at Suma, a fashionable suburb of Kobe, has had an unenviable notoriety in consequence of the number of suicides which have taken place there. A notice board, illuminated at night, has now been set up, bearing the following announcement: " Stop a Moment! If you feel that there are reasons why you must take your life, please go to see Mrs. Jo at the Woman's Welfare Association, just below the Kamisutani terminus of the Kobe car line." The response is said to have been remarkable, many lives having been saved.

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FEDERAL RESERVE LAW.

TWO AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED.

WASHINGTON, February 25th.
Senator McLean, Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, has introduced two amendments to the Federal Reserve Law designed to carry out the Board's recommendations in the annual report. One of these would permit the equalisation of re-discount rates and charges of National Banks, State Banks and Trust companies, and the other would authorise the Federal Reserve Board to establish graduated rates of discount on a basis of amount of re-discount accommodations granted by the Federal Reserve Bank to the borrowing Bank.

PEACE TREATY IN AMERICA.

CLAIM OF REPUBLICANS.

WASHINGTON, February 25th.
The Republicans have announced their intention of bringing up the Peace Treaty before the Senate on February 28th and hope to obtain its continuous consideration and the resultant ratification of the Republican reservations.

They claim that 23 Democratic Senators are willing to accept, unaltered, their reservations.
Democratic leaders, however, say that the Republicans are exaggerating.
Senator Hitchcock denies the report that he was approached by the Democrats in the Senate with a proposal to participate in a caucus of Democratic Senators with the object of arranging uniform action on the reservations.

AMERICAN RAILROAD BILL.

ADVICE TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, February 25th.
As regards the compromise on the Railroad Bill, Mr. Hampton, Director of Farmers' National Council, has written to President Wilson asking him to veto the Bill.

SERIOUS SHIPYARD FIRE.

MANY YACHTS DESTROYED.

New York, February 25th.
A serious fire broke out in Messrs. Jacobs' shipyard in City Island and the shifting wind helped it to spread.
The yachts Shamrock and Vanitie were saved, but several other yachts were burned.

EARLIER CABLES.

PARIS RAILWAY TROUBLE.

GENERAL STOPPAGE FEARED.

PARIS, February 26th.
A serious position has arisen on the railways owing to a strike which is rapidly spreading. The trouble started among the Paris-Lyons-Mediterranean men who, *inter alia*, demanded the release of a driver convicted in connection with a recent accident. Subsequently, the administrative staffs in Paris ceased work and the traffic is coming to a standstill. The strikers are now pressing for increased wages, nationalisation, and the abolition of disciplinary punishments. A general stoppage is feared.

HOW A MINOR DISPUTE DEVELOPED.

PARIS, February 26th.

A Havas message says:—
A minor Labour dispute has developed to cause a general strike on the Paris-Lyons-Mediterranean Railway. Measures are being taken by the Railway companies to ensure the safety of the permanent way. Provision trains are expected as usual.

The engine of a train from Marseilles carrying the Indian mail for England bore the inscription "Travelling by permission of the Railwaymen's Union."

ARMENIAN MASSACRES.

ALLIES TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS.

LONDON, February 25th.
It is officially stated that the Peace Conference discussed the reported massacres of Armenians in Cilicia. Measures were concerted to deal immediately with the situation.

MR. ASQUITH'S "COME BACK."

REMARKABLE TURNOVER IN PUBLIC OPINION.

LONDON, February 26th.
Outside of Labour circles, where Mr. Bigger's success was anticipated, there is remarkable unanimity in acclaiming Mr. Asquith's clean-cut victory.
To-day's views as regards the ex-Premier compared with 1916 represent one of the most remarkable turnovers in the history of politics.
Everybody is agreed that Mr. Asquith won by the aid of Unionist votes, which, it is believed, similarly affected the results at Ashton and Wrekin, the direct object being to keep out Labour, whose programme has alarmed the moderate electors.

Parliamentarians are confident that the re-entry of Mr. Asquith into the House of Commons will definitely affect the trend of domestic and world politics.
Lobbyists are speculating whether Mr. Lloyd George will attempt a political reconciliation. The nature of Mr. Asquith's majority has astonished everybody.

Owing to the smallness of the votes, Mr. MacKinnon forfeits the deposit of £150.
Mr. Asquith takes his seat on February 28th.

The result at Paisley is widely regarded as a test of the degree to which the nation repudiates the Coalition and the extent to which industrial voters are prepared to turn towards Labour from the older parties. Moreover, the result is significant owing to Mr. Asquith's repudiation of nationalisation.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED AGAIN.

ON THE QUESTION OF POLICE PENSIONS.

LONDON, February 26th.

In the House of Commons, upon the resolution of Sir T. Remnant in favour of increasing the pensions of all policemen who retired before April, 1919, equivalently to the increased cost of living, the Government suffered defeat by 123 votes to 57.

Mr. E. Shortt, Home Secretary, urged that the Police were in the same position as the Army, the Navy and the Civil Service, therefore the concession could not be granted to the Police alone. An all round increase would cost a capital sum of £50,000,000.

THE IRISH SETTLEMENT.

THE NEW ULSTER AREA.

LONDON, February 26th.

The draft of the Home Rule Bill provides for the clean cut of six Ulster counties, which will constitute the Ulster area.

SHIPBUILDING.

BRITISH YARDS FULL.

LONDON, February 26th.

A telegram from New York says that American shipbuilders have captured a contract from a London firm of owners for four tank steamers costing \$7,000,000, as the British yards are full.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR AT WASHINGTON.

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES APPOINTED.

LONDON, February 26th.

It is definitely stated in the Parliamentary Lobby that Sir Auckland Geddes has been selected Ambassador at Washington.

Sir R. Horne is likely succeed him at the Board of Trade.

CAPE-TO-CAIRO FLIGHT.

SERVICE VICKERS-VIMY STARTS.

CAIRO, February 25th.

The third Vickers-Vimy, piloted by Major Welsh and Captain Halley, which is described as the Service Vickers-Vimy, departed for Assuan en route to the Cape at 7.30 this morning, carrying five passengers.

BOLSHEVISTS SEEKING PEACE.

OFFERS TO AMERICA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, February 26th.

A Moscow wireless message says that the Soviet has despatched Notes to America, Japan and Rumania offering peace.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

SIR JOHN JORDAN'S DEPARTURE.

PEKING, February 23rd.
Sir John Jordan departed this morning from Peking after forty-three years' service in the Far East. Guards of honour of British, Chinese, American, French, Italian, Dutch, and Japanese troops lined the platform. Representatives of the President and the Premier were present, also Admiral Sah and other Cabinet Ministers and Diplomats. There were also a large number of Britishers present. The band played "Auld Lang Syne". The band played "Auld Lang Syne". The band played "Auld Lang Syne".

PREMIER SENDS IN HIS RESIGNATION.

The Premier has tendered his resignation which has not yet been accepted.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME-TO-TOKIO FLIGHT.

ROME, February 24th.

The last four aeroplanes participating in the Rome-to-Tokio flight arrived at Centocelle and will leave at the end of this week. Captain Gordesco commands the squadron.
All the other aeroplanes are at Aleppo, awaiting favourable weather.

NEW AMERICAN MINISTER AT PEKING.

WASHINGTON, February 24th.

The correspondent of the Associated Press understands that Mr. Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, who was director of the National Bank of the Republic, will succeed Dr. Reisch as Minister to China. Mr. Crane was appointed to the same post in 1909, but resigned before assuming duties.

A SHANGHAI MOTOR ACCIDENT.

SUPREME COURT ACTION.

QUESTION OF GARAGE CO'S LIABILITY.

A case of considerable interest to all users of hired motor cars commenced in the H.K.M. Supreme Court, on February 24th, before Mr. Honour Judge Sir Geoffrey Lande de Saumarez, in which Geoffrey Lande de Saumarez and Gwendoline Turner, his wife, sued the Shanghai Garage Co., Ltd. to recover £15,000 damages and £15,000 legal expenses, etc. for injuries received by the collision of a car driven by the defendants' servant, and belonging to the defendants, with a tree at the side of Route Pichon. Plaintiffs at the side of the collision, alleged that in their statement of claim, the motor car recklessly and without care and through there was no traffic on the road ran into the tree. A second claim, that ran into the tree, the plaintiff's boy who was travelling in the car at the time, and who claims \$900 damages and \$150 for medical expenses and loss of wages, was by permission of the judge taken with the first.

PLA OF NON-RESPONSIBILITY.
The defendants in their statements of defence delivered in the two actions, denied that the car was being driven recklessly or negligently and averred that the collision referred to was due to inevitable accident without negligence on the part of the defendants or their servants. They further required the plaintiffs in both instances to furnish proof of the injuries suffered, and further said that by an express condition of the contract of hiring the defendants were not liable for any injury caused to the plaintiffs, whether due to the negligence of the chauffeur or otherwise, and as particulars of this defence set out the following defendants' printed hire chit there were printed in the words following:—"It is distinctly stated that we take no responsibility for any injury caused to passengers through the fault of the chauffeur or otherwise."

By way of further answer the defendants said that the chauffeur of the car at the time of the collision was chosen specifically and individually by the plaintiff Gwendoline Turner, out of a large number of chauffeurs employed by the defendant.

Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. W. S. Levinson for the defence.
Mr. Newman, in his opening said that the defendants in the course of their business let out motor cars for hire and as such were ordinary carriers of passengers. CONDITIONS NOT SEEN.
After detailing the facts of the case from the plaintiffs' side, he called Mr. Turner, who said he was a merchant in Shanghai. On June 3rd he hired a motor car from the Star Garage and when driving it wrote, besides his signature and the time the car was discharged, a note stating that he wanted the car sent to him the next day at 3.30 p.m. He did not read the printing on the chit as he merely looked upon it as a check upon the chauffeur for the garage and a check for himself when he came to pay his account. He did not then read the red ink conditions printed at the side, nor had he done so until his appearance in Court. He knew nothing further of the matter until he was called to Dr. Fearn's Nursing Home to go to his wife the next day. It was not true that he had since asked by telephone for the chit which he had signed on June 3rd to be returned to him.

In answer to his Lordship, witness said he had never had a conversation with the defendants regarding the terms upon which cars were hired.
The case had not concluded when the last mail left Shanghai.

PEKING NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

PEKING, February 21st.

CHINA NEW YEAR.
Though there is little that is apparently official about the celebration of China New Year, there is no doubt that it retains its old time regard. Its observance this year certainly shows no falling off in popular esteem. The Government may have been at its wits' end to find money with which to meet recognised obligations; the country may have been, and may still be, on the verge of bankruptcy; but that has made practically no impression upon the citizens as a whole. For days they have buying new clothes and laying up stores of rich food for the usual celebration. For days there have been crackers firing, leading up to the grand crescendo on Thursday night. Government buildings did not fly their flags or attract attention by reason of the decorations and illuminations; they looked severely plain and unusually clean. The only semi-official celebration was the illumination of the main thoroughfares on the last night of the Chinese year with red lanterns, which must have been effective if seen from a height, as they run with ruler-like straightness north and south or east and west. Practically no business will be done for five days.

THE EMERGENCY LOAN.
After all, it was the Japanese who "came across" with the money which enabled the Government to make its essential payments before the New Year. The Consortium had agreed as to the money being advanced, but apparently the bankers could not agree upon minor details, and thus it was that the Japanese had an opportunity of showing their friendship for China by coming to the rescue with nine million yen, which equals about three and a half million dollars, the issue price being 90. This emergency loan, as it is called, is secured on the salt surplus and is to be repaid within six months if the Consortium loan matures. Needless to say, there is some criticism of this advance. Japanese, however, blame the others for delaying the matter, and take credit to themselves for having saved the situation. Of this more anon.

THE POLITICAL ASPECT.
Extraordinary to relate, Mr. Chen Lu, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, has been persuaded to return, and has attended a meeting of the Cabinet, though not participating in the discussions. His return suggests that the Government is aware of the inadvisability of opening direct negotiations with Japan concerning the retrocession of Taioang. The plan now is to endeavour to ascertain Japanese wishes in the matter before negotiating. If these can be complied with without antagonising public sentiment, then all will be well. Needless to say, the whole matter is on the lap of the gods. President Wilson's return to "full vigour" may revive the hope that the League of Nations may materialise, thus strengthening Chinese opposition to negotiation with Japan. On the other hand, it may be the forerunner of a definite break between the United States and the Continental Powers. More than is realised, perhaps, the course of events *vis a vis* the Big Four will determine Chinese politics.

THE STUDENTS.
Student organisations in Peking at any rate have been suppressed as illegal. This expression of the Chinese Government's sincerity no doubt contributed to the facility with which funds were received from Japan. Soldiers and gendarmes are very much in evidence these days. The students are not. But this state of affairs will not continue long. Unofficial Chinese back the students to win out against any combination.

THE SNOW.
Though belated, the snow has come with its promise of good crops and a purified atmosphere, meaning general good health in the spring. There have been three falls this week, which is indeed extraordinary.

THE BRITISH MINISTER.
Sir John Jordan is being feted by foreigners and Chinese. On Tuesday he will attend the farewell dinner given by the Anglo-Chinese Friendship Society. On Friday the British Chamber of Commerce and Sir Francis Aglen give a reception in his honour. His other engagements are numerous.

THE MEDICAL CONFERENCE.
To-day is the beginning of the China Medical Missionary Association conference in the new Rockefeller Hospital.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

CANTON NEWS.

March 2nd.

THE YUNNANESE TROOPS.
The conflict between the Yunnaneese troops and the Kwangsi troops on the Northern borders has developed into an outbreak of hostilities in many places. Several sections of the Canton Hankow Railway beyond Yingtak have been cut off, and passengers are only able to reach Fa Yuen district. Li Lich-kwan is reported to be concentrating all his men (about 10,000 of them) in the vicinity of Yun Tam, about 50 miles from Canton, to oppose the advance of the Canton forces. The Tsuchun, Mok Wing-sen has appointed Shun Hung-ying to be the Commander-in-Chief of all the forces taking part in this campaign. The city is quiet, but military movements are to be seen taking place the whole day long.

No definite details of the fighting are obtainable as the local newspapers are forbidden from publishing any news about the fighting. It is now stated that the Military Government propose to submit the names of both Li Kan-yuen and Li Lich-kwan to the Yunnaneese troops and let them select their own Commander.

GUNBOAT AFFAIR IN MACAO.
It is reported that as the gunboat *Kong Hui* was passing by Macao the other night, she was fired at by the Macao gunboats. The *Kong Hui* was sent to Chinsan to transport the Chinsan troops back to Canton, and she had to pass by Macao, owing to the shallowness of the water on the other route. The Heungshan authorities have reported that a British gunboat has recently arrived at Macao, and it has attracted some attention owing to the fact that she is armed with more than 10 big guns, and fitted with wireless apparatus, and search lights, etc.

POULTRY TAX.
Owing to the opposition of the poultry dealers to the poultry tax, the authorities propose to abolish it. Owing to the urgent needs of funds, however, the authorities are consulting the Committee of the Poultry Merchants' Guild, so that the privilege of collecting the tax, may be given to them, if they pay a sum in advance to the authorities for the concession.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.
The Constitutional Convention will not be resumed. The Tsuchun has ordered the payments of expenses and salaries to members of Parliament to be stopped. Many of the M.P.s are leaving Canton, and this is regarded as the end of the Canton Parliament.

BILLIARDS.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

In the Open Championship billiards game last night, P. A. Yvanovitch won a decisive victory over E. Guimaraes at the Victoria Recreation Club. Yvanovitch gave a consistently brilliant exposition of billiards throughout the game; his highest break was 53. At one stage, the scores stood: Yvanovitch, 245; and Guimaraes, 148. The former soon ran out with breaks of over 50 and 30, the final score being:

Yvanovitch	500
Guimaraes	295

The building is by no means complete, but it is most central, and the 250 medical officers who have come to the capital will have an interesting time. The reception committee has had an enormous task in finding accommodation for this unusual influx, but all have been placed.

Though the new Rockefeller Hospital, as it is popularly termed, is by no means complete, the administration buildings are in order and it is in these that the conference meets. The reception to-night given by the Peking Branch of the Association was so largely attended that it failed in its purpose to some extent, as there was little opportunity to meet the many distinguished visitors. One of the most distinguished arrivals is Prof. Alex. Hurdlicki, of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington (an institution founded by the way, by an Englishman), who is a high authority on anthropology. He made the journey from New York specially to attend this conference. Men should also be made of Prof. M. Inouye, of the Imperial University, Tokyo. On Monday Dr. S. P. Chen, the official representative of the Board of Interior, will explain "The attitude of the Chinese Government towards dissection," while Dr. C. D. Tenney, American Chargé d'Affaires, will discourse on the Jewish colony at Kaifeng. Dr. C. Montague Harston, of Hongkong, will read a paper on Friday entitled "The Blind Sorrow of China."

COMPLIMENTARY.
On Thursday President Hsu Shih-chang telegraphed congratulations to the new President of France.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER.
It looks now as if Mr. Chen Lu would be persuaded to become Minister for Foreign Affairs, and that Mr. Lu Tseng-shiang will be made adviser on foreign affairs.

CHINA'S PETRIFIED SUN-RAYS.

STORED WEALTH NEGLECTED.

DR. H. CHATLEY AT THE ASIATIC SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society (North China Branch), at Shanghai last week, under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. Stanley, Dr. Herbert Chatley, M.I.O.E.T., lectured on the subject of "China's Petrified Sun-rays." It was a very interesting paper, the *V.C. Daily News* says, dealing to a great extent with China's use and misuse of its coal supply. At the conclusion of the lecture there was considerable discussion, and questions were asked to which Dr. Chatley replied in a very logical manner. Dr. Chatley's lecture was to the following effect:

Modern civilisation is based on the exploitation of coal or petroleum. The great Powers owe their importance to the use of coal. Japan will not rise above her present state of development unless she can obtain Manchurian and Chinese coal.

Three pounds of coal are equivalent to the day's work of an unskilled labourer. A ton of coal is really worth £25 in England or \$150 in China. Twenty tons of coal represents a man's lifetime. Without coal (or oil) all the great carrying trade of the world would vanish and Europe revert to a Chinese standard of civilisation. Neither oil nor water power are so important.

China possesses great stores of coal and her output already approaches that of Japan, but she cannot go ahead until she produces and uses at least 10 times as much as at present. The authorities, rentier and merchants exclude foreign capital from fear of foreign influence and arrest development by taxation and profligating. Bad transport and social disturbance also affect the output.

In Shanghai during the fourth year of the Great War, the price was over \$1 per ton and yet there were mines within 300 miles at which the cost of production was certainly less than five dollars per ton. There is coal near Chien-ling, Kuangchow, Shantung, Ching-shan and Luikang (all this side of Tatum) and there is also coal near Nanking.

The geology of China shows that coal-bearing strata occur all over the country and while this does not necessarily mean many actual mines, it warrants the opinion that in a very few years the deposits in China will be the foundation of immense industries in China or Japan. Shanghai will soon need three million tons per annum and special efforts (as loans, gratuitous technical advice, cheap machinery or government bounties) should be made to open up the local supplies.

All human activity, direct or indirect, originates in the sun which is for us, physically speaking, the Supreme Being and the sun's stored energy, which is coal, is far more valuable than gold.

Other forms of energy are much less abundant and convenient and at any rate in China are not readily available. At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. Stanley proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Chatley, which was heartily accorded.

EUROPE'S NEEDS.

MR. HOOVER'S ACCOUNT.

Mr. Hoover, in a long telegram to the headquarters of the Executive New York Committee for the Relief of the Population in the Near East, takes emphasis exception to the opinions of "European propagandists" concerning the volume of Europe's financial needs from the United States and the contention that the great bulk of these needs cannot be met by ordinary commercial credits. He says: "With our loans 600 per cent. over previous rates there is no need for drawing on the United States Treasury for further loans," and adds that, aside from secondary measures by the American Government, "the problem is one of the ratification of peace and ordinary business processes." He declares that by secondary measures "I mean that some dozen cities in Central and Southern Europe need breadstuffs and a credit from the Grain Corporation to prevent actual starvation, and that the Allies are asking for a temporary delay in the paying the interest on our Government loans to them."

Mr. Hoover goes on to say that outside temporarily deferring the payment of interest, America's task is reduced to helping out the bread supply to less than 5 per cent. of the population of Europe. No such condition exists, he adds, as confronted America last year at this time and there is no ground for hysteria on either side of the Atlantic. Speaking of Europe as a whole, he says, seventy millions of the people of the prosperous nations are not suffering as a result of the war, and they should aid in European relief also.

"If we contribute a bread supply to Government credit to starving cities, plus business credits, we shall be doing our share of world-responsibility."

He declares "Poland is the sole abject of Europe from Bolshevik invasion." He declares that "if America undertakes a solution of the bread question it should be upon the consideration that the stronger nations of Europe will do their full part in many directions." Mr. Hoover declares that the next countries in Europe made money from war. He says that Great Britain admits that, aside from her interest in her allies, she needs nothing but commercial credit and has ample, unpledged, foreign assets to cover her needs, as also, he says, that Italy's position is different. Some cities may need breadstuffs assistance beyond the ability of commercial credit. He asserts that the East Baltic Sea have enough of foods, except milk, children. Bulgaria, Greater Serbia, Roumania, South Russia, and Turkey, except Armenia, have a surplus of food for the year, while Hungary could herself if Roumania returned abstracted cattle and grain. "We therefore," he remarks, "let us not land, Belgium, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Austria to consider. Austria is a forest, point of Europe."

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BERLIN'S LORDS OF MISRULE. THE LEADERS OF THE GERMAN REPUBLIC.

[BY GEORGE NEWICK.]

Maximilian Harden, that daring
and brilliant critic of the ex-Kaisers
row, in his *Zukunft*, launches one
against the whole machinery of the Ger-
man Republic.

He castigates alike Ebert, Scheide-
mann, Noske, and the military; he
declares that the state of Berlin Govern-
ment is a mockery to heaven and that it
will and shall be cleaned, either from
within or without.

Zukunft has often been suppressed or
suspended; Harden has before now been
imprisoned for his outspokenness; but
to-day's outpourings are more bitter
and defiant than ever.

BERLIN, December 31st.—
Herr Maximilian Harden, the doubt-
able editor of the *Zukunft*, has washed
his hands of the German Republic.

He has now made up his mind that,
though the old regime was bad, the new
order of things is revolting in the ex-
treme.

Such language as he used to employ
in criticising things when William the
Second ruled is mild in comparison with
that which he employs in the latest issues
of his weekly to assail Ministers and ex-
Ministers and their friends.

He looks round the Wilhelmstrasse
precincts and sees vast Augean stables
with no Hercules to cleanse them;
Lient Marlow's trial over the Berlin
shooting affair, which Harden brought
so prominently before the public recently
was evidently the last straw; for a year
Harden has waited for the first fruits of
the Revolution; now his patience has
gone, and he attacks in full force.

Regarding the Marlow verdict, he prints
a letter from an officer "who was at
the front from the first day of the war
till the last," and who declares that "the
condition in this Germany is so terrify-
ing that one cannot remain inactive."

When persons of the type of Noske and
Reinhard go unpunished, we ought to take
up our rifles again and defend the sworn
Constitution, however bad it may be.

It is no use living in a State which
despises the most elementary rights of
man.

That, (declares Harden) is the voice of
thousands.

"ALL-HIGHEST CITIZEN."
With special violence does he attack
Herr Noske, "the all-highest citizen war-
lord," as he calls him.

He demands that the real guilty and
highly-placed persons in the Marlow and
numerous other tragic scandals should be
brought to trial.

He wants the Government to make
haste, "otherwise the pigstye, the pesti-
lence of which reeks to heaven, will be
cleansed from outside; and not all the
guard of rascally writers will protect the
heaps-up of injustice—the Lords Privy
Seal of all dirty work—from the brand-
ing-iron and the hangman's rope.

Then Harden refers to the Rosa Luxem-
burg and Liebknecht tragedy, and to the
way in which the villain of that piece
was spirited off officially to the Argentine.

He prints a letter from a man named
Ernst Sonnenfeld, who was formerly pay-
master of the "Reichswehr Brigade." Son-
nenfeld declares on his oath that he re-
ceived an order "to pay a premium of
50,000 marks to any person who would
deliver Liebknecht and Luxemburg living
or dead."

He adds that Scheidemann and another
together offered 100,000 marks for the
deed.

Vorwarts calls this statement the "mere
fantasy of the thief."

Herr Harden attacks President Ebert
in the strongest terms, and assails many
Ministers and ex-Ministers for their con-
nections with a certain George Sklarz,
whom he describes as "a military agent
provocateur and master profiteer."

Sklarz is heavily involved in numerous
profiteering scandals, in which he is
alleged to have made millions under the
aegis of the Government.

BEWILDERING THE BIG THREE.
Ebert, Scheidemann, Noske, and other
arch-enemies of capitalism," says Harden,
"have been in the habit of going to the
house of Sklarz to guzzle at his overladen
table."

Noske has excused himself by stating
that he only went there as to a house con-
venient during the times when Berlin was
perfectly quiet.

Harden believes German Socialism to be
collapsing. *Vorwarts* (he says) had
a circulation in March of three-quarters
of a million copies; but now, he declares,
it amounts to only 110,000.

Vorwarts, which pays some attention
to the *Zukunft*'s article, does not deny that
assertion.

Sklarz and *Parvus*, the nom de guerre
of Dr. Helfand, a curious sort of mil-
litaire Socialist, who runs *Die Glocke*
(the Socialist weekly), are heads of a big
publishing concern which appears to have
obtained a considerable hold on *Vorwarts*—
they bought up its fine printing plant,
which Harden asserts was disposed of, or
because *Vorwarts* was in low water.

This same firm acts for such Pan-Ger-
man papers as the *Deutsche Tageszeitung*,
Deutsche Zeitung, and *Lokal-Anzeiger*.

Next Harden turns on Erzberger, and
commenting on the failure of the pre-
mium bond loan—he waxes ironic over "the
ruins of the Erzberger lottery palace,"
and over the millions spent on that far-
fetched structure.

Turning to the country at large, he de-
clares that, since the armistice Germany
has imported 4,000,000,000 marks worth
of food and 13,000,000,000 marks worth
of articles of luxury.

"We lead a merry life in Germany,"
he adds bitterly, "never has Christmas
in Germany approached in greater dark-
ness."

"All this time the capital continues to
provide plenty of sensations in the way
of more or less open crime.
A lady has been robbed in the street
by a soldier, who got away with a hand-
bag containing 100,000 marks; the plot
of a maid-servant and her lover to murder
a baroness, the maid's employer, was just
discovered in time; an attack on a mar-
ried couple by the wife's lover, has re-
sulted in the husband being killed and
the wife fatally wounded.

There are conspicuous items in to-day's
crime list, but they are overshadowed by
a new kind of horror.
(Continued at foot of next column.)

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"CHINESE"	On 6th Mar. 4 P.M.
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	"CORDILLERE" 10,000	On or about 25th Apr.

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